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1. Membership breakdown of unions active in the port area of Antwerp is as follows:

Syndicates	Membership	Subversive elements
a. Liberal syndicates	dockers 300 ship repairers 200 constructors 200 700	estimated to approximately 10 for penetration purposes.
b. Christian syndicates	dockers 3,500 sailors 500 ship repairers 2,000 constructors 3,000 bargemen 300 9,300	possibly 200
c. Socialist syndicates	dockers 11,000 sailors 4,500 ship repairers 6,300 constructors 4,800 bargemen 1,700 28,300	approximately 1,400 including 400 Communist/ Trotskyist members "Action Committee"
d. AOS Algemeen Onafhankelijk Syndikaat	bargemen 200	200

2. Communist strength in port of Antwerp is estimated to be approximately 2,000 or 5 per cent of total union membership. The estimated figure of 200 Communists in the Christian syndicates is based upon the supposition that the Belgian CP finds it necessary to infiltrate a number of under cover agents in such unions in order to be informed on the activity of non-Communist unions. The AOS draws its members solely from among Belgian bargemen and its membership represents about 10 per cent of all syndicated bargemen in the Antwerp area. AOS influence is slight, its membership is small, and it has no part in the arbitration commissions.

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3. Subversive trade union organizations in the Antwerp area are:

- a. The AOS (the General Independent Trade Union), a Communist-oriented organization which operates under cover of purely union activities. Its local headquarters are at Cafe de Klok, Klapdorp 68, Antwerp. Its publication is De Eendracht. Its leaders are:

Frans Tronckoe, President: born Rupelmonde 3 September 1909; lives Marnixstraat 24, Antwerp.

Willy Marcel Peter Convents, Secretary: Communist; born Boom 21 October 1910; sailor; lives Beeldhouwerstraat 24, Antwerp.

Other members are:

Jules Brauns; born Hasselt 5 July 1897; chauffeur; Communist extremist and agitator; lives Tulpstraat 63, Antwerp.

Charles D'Hondt; born St. Pieters-Brugge 30 November 1890; chauffeur; Communist agitator; lives Paradijsstraat 15, Antwerp.

Gommaar Dieltjens, born Lier 27 June 1910; sailor; Communist agitator; lives Bieckorfsstraat 54, Antwerp.

Pieter Dieltjens, born Antwerp 28 December 1919; sailor; Communist agitator; lives Hoogstraat 6, Antwerp.

Louis Dom, born Antwerp-Deurne 12 January 1903; sailor; Communist agitator; lives Zilvermidstraat 22, Antwerp.

Alexandre Auguste Symons, born Antwerp 17 May 1906; Communist agitator; lives Heirmanstraat 22, Merksem.

Albert Timmermans, born Antwerp 20 October 1900; sailor, Communist agitator; lives Hofstraat 10, Antwerp.

Lodewijk Wyns, born Antwerp 9 November 1912; lives Pastoor Moonslei 16, Elsdonk-Antwerp.

The AOS is in touch with the following personalities of the EVC (Unity Trade Union Central) of Rotterdam:

Johannes Berus Marinus Booms; permanent delegate of the EVC to the AOS; born Amsterdam 18 December 1896; lives De Conincklei 31, Antwerp; offices at Klapdorp 68, Antwerp (AOS headquarters). Booms is said to be one of the heads of the "Nederlandse Bond van Zeevarenden" (Dutch Seamen's Union), EVC affiliate concerned with liaison between Rotterdam and the Belgian ports of Antwerp and Ostend. He has allegedly been active on board Dutch boats and particularly on ships of the Holland-America line at Ghent and Antwerp.

Dirk Kleinsma, President of Transportation Group of the EVC; born Amsterdam 11 May 1893; Communist; lives Celebesstraat 49/III, Amsterdam.

Jacobus Reginga, delegate EVC (Transportation) Rotterdam; born Amsterdam 24 December 1904; lives Josef Israelkade 97/II.

Klaas Wildebok, courier between AOS and EVC; born Rotterdam 3 November 1926; cook; lives Breedehilledijk 263, Rotterdam.

AOS secretary Convents is also secretary of the Nationaal Demokratisch Eenheidsfront (National Democratic United Front) (NADEF), located Klapdorp 68, Antwerp. It is noteworthy that during a NADEF meeting on 15 March 1948 one of the speakers was Georges Malys, Communist candidate in the communal elections of 1946 for the districts of Ghent-Eekloo. It is believed that AOS maintains contacts with the "Action Committee" of Dockworkers.

- b. The "Actiecomiteit der Havenarbeiders" ("Action Committee of Dockworkers"), a Trotskyist-Communist group. For a list of [REDACTED] The "Action Committee" is in contact with the EVC of Rotterdam. Dirk Kleinsma, 25X1A

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Dutch Communist dockworker, made a speech at a meeting of the "Action Committee" at Antwerp 15 February 1948.

- c. The Bond Van Revolutionnaire Propaganda in de Bedrijven (Union of Revolutionary Propaganda in Industry), a Trotskyist organization which includes anarcho-syndicalist and Spartacist elements. Its headquarters are in the Cafe Cecil, Van Arteveldestraat 8, Antwerp. Its paper De Vrije Arbeider (Free Worker) is published in Antwerp. In the Netherlands the publication is Spartacus.

The president of this Trotskyist group is Pierre Dorremans. Ludovious Victor is leader of the Spartacus group in Antwerp. Another active member is Karel De Cock.

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Other members of the Bond Van Revolutionnaire are:

Renatus Levecque, born Antwerp 13 March 1893; lives Ruusbroekstraat 40, Antwerp.

Lucien Theodore Lowet, born Antwerp 12 March 1893; lives Schoolstraat 13, Antwerp.

Louis Arthur Melis, born Borgerhout 12 February 1907; lives Ranststraat 3, Borgerhout.

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